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MRS. FAITH DROBISH

Women's Representative Will Visit Convention

Mrs. Faith Boardman Drobish, first woman to serve overseas as a representative of the National Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches, will be a visitor to the Southeast Convention area the week of February 16-22.

The Women's Fellowship of the convention is sponsoring her visit.

Mrs. Drobish, mother of two grown children and a grandmother, left her 900-acre ranch near Marysville, California, in 1961 to join the faculty of the American Collegiate Institute at Izmir, Turkey.

There she taught typing and business English to high school juniors and seniors and to junior college freshmen.

Mrs. Drobish has been a diligent worker in the First Congregational Church of Oroville, California, for 40 years, and is a past president of the Women's Fellowship of Northern California.

1913 National Council Commemoration Service

A Service in Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the 1913 National Council of Congregational Churches was held on November 10, 1963, at the First Congregational Church, Kansas City, Mo.

The 1913 meeting of the National Council of Congregational Churches was held in this church on October 22-30, 1913.

Rev. Dr. Stanley U. North, general secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, was the speaker at the Commemorative Service.

At the First Congregational Church in 1913, delegates of Congregational churches assembled in National Council, adopted a constitution which set the pattern for a denomination of autonomous local churches united in district, state, and national bodies for cooperation in matters of common concern.

The Kansas City constitution's emphasis on unity bore fruit in the union of the National Council of Congregational Churches with the Evangelical Protestant Church in 1925, and with the General Convention of Christian Churches in 1931 to form the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches. The United Church of Christ was formed in 1957 by a union of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Rev. Dr. Raymond Calkins, Belmont, Massachusetts, and Rev. Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter, Hartford, Connecticut, also spoke at the Golden Anniversary Service.

Dr. Calkins and Dr. Potter are the only two surviving members of the Commission of Nineteen which drafted the 1913 Constitution and Statement of Faith adopted in Kansas City.

The General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches maintains its existence for legal purposes. Most of its duties have passed to the General Synod of the United Church.



Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock Leaves Convention Post

The Reverend Emilie F. Pitcock, Minister of Christian Education of the Southeast Convention for the past two and one-half years, has resigned from this position effective December 31, 1963.

Miss Pitcock came to the Southeast Convention from the Casco-Raymond United Parish, Raymond, Maine, which she had served as pastor since 1955.

A native of Ohio, Miss Pitcock first attended the University of Cincinnati and then transferred to Schauffler College, from which she graduated Magna Cum Laude. Schauffler College is now a part of Oberlin University in Ohio.

Miss Pitcock is a graduate of the Divinity School of Yale University, receiving her B. D. in 1951. She majored in Christian Education.

Miss Pitcock has given effective leadership to the youth and Christian Education programs of the convention during her years of service.

She and her aunt, Miss Nettie Pitcock, are continuing to make their home at 881 Derrydown Way, Decatur, Ga., until her future plans are complete.

70th Anniversary Held By Southern Rhodesia Mission

October 1963 was a time of special celebration and thanksgiving in our mission stations in Southern Rhodesia. Seventy years ago, in the fall of 1893, the first missionaries, coming up from the South Africa Mission, established the first mission work at Mt. Silinda, and two years later the second station was set up at Chikore.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, now the United Church Board for World Ministries, certainly can be allowed some pride in the growth and development of the mission work in Southern Rhodesia, but this can stem only from the admiration of the dedicated and committed missionaries at Mt. Silinda and Chikore, many of whom have given much of their lives to working with the African people.

A great many changes have taken place in these seventy years. From a handful of people and four preaching centers, there are now several African ordained ministers, about two hundred lay preachers, an active program of women's work, and the African church which is largely self-supporting. The schools have grown to include not only primary schools, but a secondary school, many out-schools which are supervised by African principals and staffed largely by African teachers, themselves for the most part products of the mission education program. The most recent venture is an interracial kindergarten with missionary wives as teachers. New school buildings were dedicated at the anniversary celebration at Mt. Silinda. There are about fifteen men from Southern Rhodesia studying in universities in several countries.

The medical work, headed by Dr. Kirk Stetson and Dr. Frank Donaldson, has seen the progress of two hospitals, the larger one at Silinda presently in the process of adding a tuberculosis sanatorium. There is a nurse's training program, and in a few months the first fully-trained African doctor will be taking his place in this work, after years of hard work made possible through our scholarship program.

It is impossible to give full appreciation to all of these people who have been part of the growth of this work in Southern Rhodesia. But greater appreciation is due the African people who have felt and assumed the re-

Missionaries Use Many Strategies To Give Aid

It would be easy enough, the missionary knew, to set up a popular clinic in the village areas surrounding the mission hospital in Southern Rhodesia. The chiefs and the people would be delighted with the idea. The sick would flock to the clinic and ask for pills, magic pills, that they could take at once and so dispel with ease and swiftness the diseases that troubled them.

But the missionary had something else in mind for those clinics. She had seen too many scrawny babies in the village, with swollen abdomens, matchstick legs, and drawn faces. She knew that about half the babies died during the first year of their lives, not because their parents did not love them but because those parents did not know how to give them the care they needed.

If the mothers could early receive some teaching in sound methods of health care, many baby lives could be saved. The missionary and her helping nurse thought of a way by which this might be done.

A clinic was opened in a village with great fanfare, the chiefs, sub-chiefs and councilmen from the surrounding villages being present in force. The pill users were on hand to get their magic cures.

The missionary and the nurse decided to offer the village women something they were interested in and wanted to learn. A club was suggested for teaching sewing, knitting, crocheting, cooking — and the care for feeding of babies.

When the women came together for their meeting it was opened by a Bible reading and prayer. Then they went to the classes of their choice. At some time during the meeting, a health talk was given. From this large group other clubs sprouted, with other purposes — a well-baby clinic, a preschool club and later a literacy class whose star pupil turned out to be a woman of 45 who had previously had no schooling whatsoever. The last

sponsibility of their own growth in ways in which they can most serve their own people. Many more will follow in their footsteps.

This 70th anniversary is a real milestone for the United Church of Christ and the church in Southern Rhodesia.

Bible Society Renders Service To The Blind

In cooperation with the American Bible Society, with little or no cost, it is possible for your church to make available the Bible for the blind or near-blind in both Braille and Talking Book Records.

For over 127 years the American Bible Society has been seeking out the blind and offering them the Bible. Imagine what it has meant to over one million people in this period of time, unable to see — yet have a Bible that can be owned and read whenever one likes. Or (in recent years) if unable to read Braille, to have Talking Book Records. A Braille Bible consists of 200 books, and a Talking Book, 170 records. To procure the Scriptures in either would be financially prohibitive for the vast majority of the blind. But the American Bible Society provides these without cost, or a minor financial contribution to help maintain this ministry.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? If you know someone in your congregation or community, correspond with the American Bible Society, 1435 G. Street N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

They will need the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the blind person, or with eye-sight too badly impaired to be able to read.
- (2) The Braille system the person can read, and the grade.
- (3) If Scripture records are desired rather than the Braille.
- (4) A list of Braille or records already owned by the person for whom request is being made, to avoid duplication.
- (5) Whether the individual, the church, or a church organization is able to make a contribution towards the cost. A contribution is NOT mandatory, but may give the recipient a sense of independence. Contributions may range from \$1.00 up.

venture was a class for widows, in which the women were taught to become teachers and so earn a bit of money to support their families.

Other clinics, following the same pattern, were opened in nearby villages. The missionary sums up her philosophy regarding clinics by saying, "The pill users will come back again and again, but the taught person will learn how to stay healthy."



Blackwoods Community Club Wins Award Alabama Community Development Program

The Blackwoods Community Club of Dale County, Alabama, won second place in the Alabama Community Improvement Program's District II contest for rural development in 1963.

Receiving the certificate and the \$200 award check, which were presented at a special banquet in Montgomery, Alabama, on Wednesday, December 11, were Miss Dora Brackin, secretary; Dwight Kennedy, president; Mrs. Dwight Kennedy, and Merwin Johnson, who made the report of the club's activities.

Readers of The Southeast News will note that these people are members of the Blackwoods Congregational Christian Church, as are most of the members of the Blackwoods Community Club.

First place winner in District II was the Big Creek Community Club of Houston County, which was selected for its successful project of building a new community clubhouse.

Merwin Johnson reported that the Blackwoods Club set three goals at the first of the year and each project was planned to meet these goals.

The goals were: (1) to develop a balanced system of farming; (2) production of a healthful family food supply; and, (3) beautification of the community and improvement of communications.

The club drew a promise from the Alabama Public Service Commission to

get more telephones installed in the homes of club members, Mr. Johnson said.

Club members froze 74.5 pounds of meat per person, canned 20 quarts of tomatoes and 16 quarts of vegetables. Mr. Johnson also reported that the 17 members in the club planted 142 acres of cover crops and averaged 516 pounds of cotton per acre, 35 bushels of corn per acre and 1,493.6 pounds of peanuts per acre.

The big project of the club was the fencing and beautification of the club's recreation area. The fencing, he stated, was to promote safety.

The 31-family Big Creek community effort in building a new clubhouse deserves a lot of credit for the fine showing in both the county and state contests. The new \$1,300 meeting place is being built with volunteer labor and materials purchased from proceeds of a community tomato crop and several fish fries.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kennedy, Mr. Merwin Johnson, and Miss Dora Brackin represented the Blackwoods Club at the banquet.

Pictured above are the officers of the Blackwoods Club: Front row: Miss Dora C. Brackin, secretary; Mr. Dwight Kennedy, president; and Mr. George Henderson, vice-president. Back row: Miss Betty Jean Peters, song leader; Mrs. Betty Danford, reporter; and Mrs. Mildred Kennedy, treasurer.

Christians Overseas Can Become Witnesses

The "professional" missionary is a relatively recent development in Christian history. Christianity penetrated the Roman Empire primarily through domestic servants, workers, traders, and shopkeepers — people who witnessed to their Lord in and through their jobs.

In our days hundreds of thousands of Christians are living and working in countries other than their own. This led the New Delhi Assembly of the World Council of Churches to state: "One of the greatest missionary opportunities confronting churches today lies in the potential witness of great numbers of Christian laymen crisscrossing the world in service of business, government, and other occupations . . . largely, unharnessed. In what ways can we liberate this potential for the church's mission?"

The Board for World Ministries is in touch with some 800 lay members of the United Church of Christ living in over 80 lands and working in many fields of endeavor. Surely there are more. You can help by letting the Board know who they are — write to the undersigned at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, 10027. To be a witness is the full-time vocation of every Christian whatever his profession.

Robbins Strong

New Year Resolutions For Our Church People

For each member:

1. Regular weekly worship.
2. A proportionate share of all resources (time, talent, money) set aside for the total mission of the church.
3. Invite a stranger to attend church with you.
4. Read the Bible to restore mind and spirit by Words of Life.
5. Seek God's will for your life daily.

For each church officer:

1. Be regular in attendance at all church meetings.
2. Be diligent in your duties.
3. Make regular reports (treasurers pay bills on time and remit mission money to the Conference office).
4. Let all business be done to honor God.

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Superintendent's Corner

Each month of the year THE SOUTHEAST NEWS is published. Among other things, this means that I must find two or three days each month to devote to its preparation.

I do not find this too much of a duty. At one time I seriously considered journalism as a career and actually worked for a weekly newspaper. Unless the press of time and other responsibilities are too great, I enjoy the hours spent on THE SOUTHEAST NEWS.

BUT I NEED HELP!!! The News would be a much better magazine if we had more news items and pictures from local churches. What about your church? Has your church news been in THE SOUTHEAST NEWS lately?

If someone in your church can write the story, that is fine. However, we will be happy to have the information and will write the story for you if it is easier that way.

So here is a 1964 New Year's request. PLEASE SEND US NEWS FOR THE SOUTHEAST NEWS!!!

Superintendent's Schedule

January 5 — Mt. Zion, Roanoke, Ordination of E. G. Clark
January 7 — Stewardship & Missionary Education Committee, Atlanta
January 12 — Brookmeade United, Nashville, Tenn.
January 19 — East Tallassee, Ala., Ordination of Bill J. Traylor
January 20 — Christian Education Committee and Church Survey & Aid Committee, Atlanta
January 21 — Southeast Convention Board of Directors meeting
January 25-29 — United Church Assembly, Atlantic City, New Jersey

DID YOU KNOW—

That our Board for World Ministries needed 181 recruits for overseas service in 1963?

That 101 were found to go, and that 97 actually went?

DID YOU KNOW —

That our Board for World Ministries is looking for 207 persons to fill positions (some married couples) in 1964?

That this would be only one person from every 10,000 people in our churches — or 1/100 of 1% of our denomination?

DID YOU KNOW —

That opportunities to teach for the Board for World Ministries range from agriculture in the Philippines, home economics in Turkey, sociology in Hong Kong, to vocational training in Micronesia?

DID YOU KNOW —

That MINISTERS and CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS are needed for service with our Board for World Ministries in Angola, France, Honduras, India, Japan, Mexico, Micronesia, Okinawa, Philippines, and Turkey?

DID YOU KNOW —

That MEDICAL SKILLS needed for use by our Board for World Ministries include DOCTORS in seven countries; NURSES in five countries; a DENTIST in Angola; a PHYSIOTHERAPIST, a PUBLIC HEALTH WORKER and an ORTHOPEDIST in India; LABORATORY TECHNICIANS in Angola and Southern Rhodesia; a MATRON OF NURSES in Ghana; and a HOSPITAL MATRON in Southern Rhodesia?

DID YOU KNOW —

That PERSONS WITH SPECIAL SKILLS are needed for service overseas under our Board for World Ministries?

That these include such varied things as AGRICULTURISTS in four countries; BUSINESS MANAGERS in four countries; HOUSE PARENTS in two countries; a LIBRARIAN, a PUBLICATIONS SPECIALIST and a RADIO PROGRAM DIRECTOR in Turkey; a WATER SPECIALIST and one proficient in ANIMAL HUSBANDRY in India?

DID YOU KNOW —

That there are opportunities for both short-term and career service with our Board for World Ministries?

That single persons can be appointed for 3-year terms and families for 5-year terms?

That experienced persons who pay their own travel expense can be con-

Dates To Remember

YOUTH WEEK

Youth Sunday is January 26 and Youth Week is January 26-February 2.

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SUMMER CONFERENCE

LEADERS TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions for Summer Conference Leaders will be held February 4-6 at Camp Calvin, near Atlanta. Information has been sent to those involved.

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SOUTHERN REGION COUNCIL FOR LAY LIFE, WORK CONSULTATION

The Council for Lay Life and Work is sponsoring a Consultation for lay leaders in the Southern Region. The dates are February 21-23 and the place is the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEADERS MEETING ON OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

The annual Southern Regional Leaders Meeting sponsored by the Stewardship Council of the United Church will be held February 24-26 at the First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION Pilgrim Fellowship

The annual meeting of the Southeast Convention PF/YF will be held on March 14-15, 1964, at Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION

The 1964 annual meeting of the Southeast Convention will be held April 25-26, 1964, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

sidered for one-year appointments?

That for regular term appointees the Board pays round trip transportation, major medical expenses, basic salary, social security, and provides housing? (Salaries are based on the cost of living and cover reasonable expenses.)

DID YOU KNOW —

That if you would like to explore the possibility of expressing your Christian faith through work with the church abroad you should write to:

Rev. Herbert O. Muenstermann
475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor
New York, New York 10027

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Youth Fellowship

Pictured above are, left to right: Kathy Steinhaus, Jimmy Lightbourne, Linda Williams, Penny Edge, Tina Bender, Mrs. Kermit Harris, Beth Burnham, Tom Carstens, Lee Harris, and Rev. George W. Stowe, who attended the meeting of the officers and chairmen of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Southeast Convention held at Columbus, Ga., during the Christmas holidays.

Plans were made for the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship, March 14-15, at Central Congregational Church, Atlanta. Local groups are urged now to make plans to have their groups represented at the annual meeting.

Southern Union College

As a continuation of a practice begun on January 1, 1958, when Dr. Walter A. Graham became president of The Southern Union College, a service was held at the college on January 1, 1964. This marks the beginning of the 7th year for Dr. Graham as president of the college.

REVEREND ROGER WHITLEY

At a special business meeting of Mountain Grove CC Church, due and timely notice having been given to the membership, the Reverend Roger Whitley was unanimously called as pastor of the church.

During the past 15 months, while the church has been without a pastor, the Pastor-at-Large of the N. Alabama Association, Dr. Guy L. Colbert, has conducted services on each 4th Sunday. Mr. Whitley and others have supplied on the other Sundays.

Richland Church Members Christmas Gifts To OCWM

The members of the First Congregational Christian Church, Richland, Georgia, elected to give all money, usually spent for gifts and Christmas parties for church members, to either Our Christian World Mission or the Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross.

A Christmas covered-dish supper was held on Wednesday, December 11, when a special offering of fifty dollars (\$50.00) was taken for the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross.

Emphasis was placed on giving to Our Christian World Mission at the December 22nd worship service, and the church voted to give one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for this cause.

W. J. Abell, Jr.

HERE AND THERE

TENNESSEE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Tennessee Council of Churches is sponsoring FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOPS on the theme: "The Church and Today's Family." Each workshop will be held from 4:00 p. m. to 9 p. m., including supper. Ministers and church members are invited to attend. The cost: \$1 registration fee plus the cost of the supper.

Feb. 25—Mayfair Methodist Church
1409 East Center Street
Kingsport, Tennessee

Feb. 26—Church Street Methodist
900 Henley, S. W.
Knoxville, Tenn.

Feb. 27—First Methodist Church
300 McCallie Ave.
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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CHATTANOOGA

Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Southern Regional Secretary for the Stewardship Council of the United Church, was the guest preacher at Pilgrim Church on Sunday, December 8. This was the 49th anniversary of the church and the 19th anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater's ministry at the church.

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SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE CHOIR

The choir of Southern Union College performed at the Family Night of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Dec. 4 and at the 5 p. m. service on Dec. 15 at

Lowell Church Plans For The Years Ahead

The Lowell Congregational Christian Church of Roanoke, Alabama, is very happy to welcome the return of a former pastor and his family. The Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Bell and sons, Joe, Julian, and Mark, returned to our church in September after an absence of three and one-half years. Mr. Bell pastored the Bethlehem Church in Altamahaw, N. C., during this absence.

On Sunday night, November 17, 1963, our pastor called a special meeting of the members of our congregation to discuss and work out a program of progress for the next five years.

First year — Setting up of a special fund for a new parsonage

Second year — Purchase of lot behind the church

Purchase of a mimeograph machine
Paying off of present debt on old parsonage

Third year — Purchase of organ for the church

Fourth year — Building of a steeple with bell for the church

Fifth year — Purchase of new song books and refinishing of the pews in sanctuary

In order that this program could be carried out we discussed a program of tithing for the members of our church. It was decided that we would use the method of modern tithing, which is paying a tenth of the "take-home" pay instead of a tenth of the total salary. Before the meeting closed thirty-three members signed a written pledge to tithe.

From this meeting developed a sense of accomplishment for our church. We can now see our dreams put on paper and know that they are no longer "dreams that never come true" but that they are goals for each member to work toward. As the years go by we will be able to see these dreams that became goals, become reality.

Mary Sue Johnson

the Langdale CC Church.

Mr. Beaman Griffin is the director of the choir, which welcomes invitations to give concerts in our churches.

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STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE

Young people interested in Student Summer Service should contact the Southeast Convention office.



Ecclesiastical Council Ordains And Installs Rev. William R. Winterbottom At Crossville

The Rev. William R. Winterbottom was ordained to the Christian ministry and installed as the pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church, Crossville, Tenn., at services held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1963.

An ecclesiastical council authorized by the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Congregational Christian Churches was convened in the afternoon to examine Mr. Winterbottom and to pass upon the request for his ordination.

Following the presentation of the statement of his background, experience and Christian beliefs by the candidate and the question-answer period during which he responded to questions from the ministers and delegates present, it was voted unanimously by the council that Mr. Winterbottom be ordained and installed.

Mr. Everett G. Farmer, moderator of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, called the council to order for the purpose of business at hand.

A supper was served by the host church to the ministers and delegates after the adjournment of the council, which was held in the afternoon.

The Service of Ordination was held at 7 p. m. and a reception was held following the service.

Pictured above, left to right, are the participants in the service: Rev. Arthur S. Wheelock, Interim Pastor, First Congregational Church, Knoxville; Rev. Abram Nightingale, Pastor Emeritus of the Crossville Church; Rev. Frank R. Snavelly, Pastor, Pleasant Hill Community Church; Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Pastor, Brookmeade United Church, Nashville; Rev. William R. Winterbottom; Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention; Rev. Arnold Slater, Pastor, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga; Rev. Paul R. Reynolds, Pastor Emeritus, Pleasant Hill Community Church; Rev. Charles C. Haun, retired minister and a member of the Crossville Church.

Mr. Winterbottom was called to the church this past summer and began his ministry there in August.

Prior to coming to Crossville Rev. and Mrs. Winterbottom lived in Florida. At one time both Mr. and Mrs. Winterbottom served on the staff of

United Church Herald Names New News Editor

The Rev. Frank A. Kostyu, minister of the Evangelical Community Church, Blue Island, Illinois, has been appointed news editor of the *United Church Herald*, the national magazine of the United Church of Christ.

Mr. Kostyu is the author of "Pathways to Personal Contentment," published in 1961 by Prentice-Hall, and is a frequent contributor to religious publications.

In 1963 he was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal for his sermon, "A Sigh of the Human Heart."

Before going to Blue Island Church last year Mr. Kostyu was pastor of Immanuel Church, Alliance, Ohio. Earlier he served churches in Dayton and West Alexandria, Ohio.

In Blue Island he has been active in community affairs and in the Blue Island and South Chicago ministerial associations.

He will assume his new position on January 1 at the offices of the *United Church Herald* in New York. The Rev. J. Martin Bailey is the magazine's editor.

A native of Lorraine, Ohio, Mr. Kostyu was graduated from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, in 1943, and from Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, in 1945. He received a Master's Degree in Sacred Theology from the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio, in 1962.

He is married to the former Marjorie Ann Butcher, whose father, Edwin R. Butcher, is secretary for alumni relations at Heidelberg College. They have three children, Joel, 17, Paul, 11, and Katherine, 9.

the Church-By-The-Sea at Bal Harbour, Florida. Both also taught in the public schools in Florida and Mrs. Winterbottom is a teacher in the Crossville School System.

Mr. Winterbottom is a graduate of the University of Miami, Florida, and has studied at Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine. He plans to continue his theological education while serving the Crossville Church.